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NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
8:00 PM
Manalapan H.S.
Rm. C104-108

Several demos..games and utilities
Tutorial..questions and answer period

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 PM
Manalapan H.S.
Rm. C104-108

Tutorial on Atari Writer..A discussion and review of Syncalc.
Demos and questions answered.

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The Newsletter of the Computer Club of Monmouth, Inc.

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The Computer Club of Monmouth, Inc. is a non-profit organization of ATARI computer enthusiasts and users who share a common interest in exchanging information about the programming and operation of the ATARI microcomputer system.

The club meets at the Manalapan High School at 8:00PM on the first and third Mondays of each month. The meeting dates are changed or cancelled when a holiday or foul weather causes the school to be closed.

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The M.O.M. newsletter solicits from its members reviews, news, rumors, articles, original programs, classified ads, and any other material of interest for publication. All material submitted for publication should be given to the editor at the meetings or mailed to him or the club.

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WHO'S WHO AT M * O * M

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New Releases

PITSTOP
Races are won and lost in the pit and Pitstop requires players to beat the clock there as well as out on the track

The player controls a Formula I racing car with steering and speed controls. Driving on the track, the speedier the racer goes,gas is used up faster and turning faster corners wears out tires faster.

The player must consider all factors in deciding when to enter the pit. In the pit, the pit crew changes tires and gases up the racer.The game is won by making the right pit decisions and the action in the pit.

Pitstop can be played by one to four players. Available from EPYX Inc.

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DISKOVERY READING WORKS
Four softwear packages designed to help children increase their learning rate and improve their school work.

The Alphabet Factory and Match-Up, two of the four packages, are designed for the 3 to 8 year olds.

The Word Bird and Time Zone, the other two in the series, teach 6 to 12 year olds.

The Diskovery Reading Works uses animated graphics, color, and sound to increase the childrens motivation.

Available from Gladstone Electronics, Inc.1585 Kenmore Avenue, Buffalo, NY,for about $29.95

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NET WORTH
A home financial management program designed to manage, track and organize home money matters. The program performs recording functions of entering income and expenses, and also provides financial guidance features, including a loan and interest program to help the user determine the best return on savings or the most economical terms for borrowing.

The program can handle up to 10 checking accounts,up to 350 different budget categories, credit card accounts and individual entries. It also records stock and other investment transactions. It documents household valuables, collectibles and important papers for insurance and other purposes, and will also record their location. It tracks tax items for use at tax time.

Available from Scarborough, 25 N.Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591

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Secretary's Report to the Membership

7-16-84 Minutes of M.O.M. Meeting

BUSINESS

Heard from the floor:

- With the recent turnovers the future of Atari is looking much better. There is also more software being written for Atari machines its good to see this on the "upswing".
- The membership was urged to submit articles for the newspaper.
- A swap of about 30 disks may take place thanks to the efforts of Irwin Kaplan.
- The club has $600.39 on hand.
- The membership has responded to the plea to donate their programs to the club library with 8 new programs.
- The next meeting is scheduled for August 6th.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- The speedup program for the Indus Disk Drive is a software program that speeds up the drive by as much as 400%.
- There is a lack of utility type programs for double density users
- A Happy program is expected to come out for the Atari 1050 disk drive.
- Disktool requires an autorun system in order to operate properly.
- A request for a demo on disktool and "disk linking" was requested and will be in the next meeting.

TUTORIALS

- Frank Fezza conducted an excellent review of Statical Analysis concepts. This is a lead in to his program that he will demo at our next meeting.

DEMONSTRATIONS

"A-MODEM" by Joe Petrillo A telecommunications program for Atari.

DeBug by Joe Petrillo A program that teaches the different parts of the computer.

Atari Home File Manager
by Howard Goldman An easy to use home filing,data base, manager.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

- The membership expressed an interest in developing an adventures group.
- "Rent it before you Buy it" returns in September.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ken Kelly

COMPUTER PARADE

ATARI NEWS

In January I wrote that we would probably see a sale of ATARI and now that prediction has come true. It doesn't make me feel good, but I'm glad to see it happen. We can now look toward the future...By now everyone has read that Jack Tramiel has bought ATARI from Warner and some of his colleaugues from Commodore have joined him in Sunnyvale. Does that mean we will see a "Commodore" like marketing effort ? I think we will. Commodore owns the low priced home/personal computer market and what would be more natural than a concerted marketing effort in this direction?

This script calls for the 800XL to be the vehicle of a huge promotion in the mass market at price of $150-$175. It could also mean new computers compatible to IBM at about a third of the cost of the PC! And, all of these marketing developments should take place before the end of 1984. It's going to be exciting out there.

APPLE

Current pricing strategies now have Apple products competing with each other spurring retailers to discount. Prices for the new IIc are being pulled down by the popular IIe, and there is even a rumor that the Mac price will be reduced by $500....To get a good analyis of the Mac, read Creative Computing, July 1984, the John J. Anderson review of Apple Macintosh.

HONEYWELL INC.

A fiber-optic light pen was introduced by Honeywell that can be used with any color monitor or TV and can be cutomized for use with any computer. The pen less than 6 inches long, is attached to a fiber-optic cable and plug interface. OEM prices probably will be about $10 to $20 each depending on quantity. This quality and price level could be a real attraction to the home/personal computer market.

COMMODORE

With Tramiel gone many rumors are flying about Commodore.....the Company is for sale...cutbacks in new product development and speech technology....revamping of new products. Commodore has no serious competition in its segment of the market, but that may not be so good. There is only one way to go when you are on top.

Irwin Kaplan
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